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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CARL S. JACKSON,

Plaintiff,

vs.

WEST ASSET MANAGEMENT, INC.,

Defendants.

Case No.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF ACTION
UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a)
[FEDERAL QUESTION]

TO THE CLERK OF THE ABOVE-ENTITLED COURT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT defendant West Asset Management, Inc.
("WAM") hereby removes to this Court the state court action described below.

1 1. This Court is currently exercising jurisdiction over Plaintiff's claims.
2 *See Carl Jackson v. Capital Management Services, L.P., and West Asset*
3 *Management*, Case No. CV-13-8267-DMG-SHx (C.D. Cal. Nov. 7, 2013.)
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5 2. The enclosed civil action is one which this Court has jurisdiction
6 under 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a) and 28 U.S.C. § 1367 in that it is transactionally related
7 and arose out of same underlying facts as Plaintiff's claims under the Fair Debt
8 Collection Practices Act ("FDCPA"), 15 U.S.C. § 1692, *et. seq.*, and Federal Fair
9 Credit Reporting Act ("FCRA"), 15 U.S.C. §1681, *et. seq.*, which are already
10 pending before this Court. *See Jackson*, Case No. CV-13-8267-DMG-SHx.
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13 3. On November 21, 2013, Plaintiff filed his federal action alleging
14 violations of the FCRA, FDCPA, and the Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Practices
15 Act ("RFDCPA"), Cal. Civ. Code § 1788, *et. seq.* Plaintiff's FCRA, FDCPA, and
16 RFDCPA claims are the subject of a motion to dismiss which has been fully-
17 briefed and taken under submission by this Court. *Jackson*, Case No. CV-13-
18 8267-DMG-SHx, at [Dkt. 19].
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22 4. On March 17, 2014, while that motion to dismiss was still pending,
23 Plaintiff filed the enclosed civil action in the Superior Court of the State of
24 California, County of Los Angeles, entitled, *Carl S. Jackson v. West Asset*
25 *Management, Inc.*, Case No. 14S01841 (the "State Court Action"). A copy of the
26 State Court Action is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
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1 5. The date upon which WAM first received a copy of the State Court
2 Action was March 21, 2014, when WAM's agent for service of process was served
3 with a copy. Thus, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b), WAM has timely filed this
4 Notice of Removal.
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6 6. A copy of this Notice of Removal is being served upon Plaintiff and
7 will be filed in the State Court Action.
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9 7. The State Court Action is located within the Central District of
10 California. Therefore, venue for purposes of removal is proper because the United
11 States District Court for the Central District of California embraces the place in
12 which the removed action was pending. 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a).
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15 8. Removal of the State Court Action is therefore proper under 28 U.S.C.
16 §§ 1441 and 1446.
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19 Dated: March 25, 2014

SESSIONS, FISHMAN, NATHAN & ISRAEL, L.L.P.

20 /s/ Damian P. Richard

21 Damian P. Richard

22 Attorneys for Defendant

23 WEST ASSET MANAGEMENT, INC.
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Exhibit A

SC-100**Plaintiff's Claim and ORDER
to Go to Small Claims Court****Notice to the person being sued:**

- You are the Defendant if your name is listed in ② on page 2 of this form. The person suing you is the Plaintiff, listed in ① on page 2.
- You and the Plaintiff must go to court on the trial date listed below. If you do not go to court, you may lose the case.
- If you lose, the court can order that your wages, money, or property be taken to pay this claim.
- Bring witnesses, receipts, and any evidence you need to prove your case.
- Read this form and all pages attached to understand the claim against you and to protect your rights.

Aviso al Demandado:

- Usted es el Demandado si su nombre figura en ② de la página 2 de este formulario. La persona que lo demanda es el Demandante, la que figura en ① de la página 2.
- Usted y el Demandante tienen que presentarse en la corte en la fecha del juicio indicada a continuación. Si no se presenta, puede perder el caso.
- Si pierde el caso la corte podría ordenar que le quiten de su sueldo, dinero u otros bienes para pagar este reclamo.
- Lleve testigos, recibos y cualquier otra prueba que necesite para probar su caso.
- Lea este formulario y todas las páginas adjuntas para entender la demanda en su contra y para proteger sus derechos.

Order to Go to Court**The people in ① and ② must go to court:** (Clerk fills out section below.)

Trial Date	Date	Time	Department	Name and address of court if different from above
1.	MAY 27 2014	1:30pm	508-AM 504	Los Angeles Superior Court Southwest District Inglewood One Regent Street Inglewood, CA 90301
2.				
3.				
Date:	MAR 17 2014		Clerk, SHERRI R. CARTER	D. Dupree, Deputy

Instructions for the person suing:

- You are the Plaintiff. The person you are suing is the Defendant.
- Before you fill out this form, read Form SC-100-INFO, *Information for the Plaintiff*, to know your rights. Get SC-100-INFO at any courthouse or county law library, or go to: www.courts.ca.gov/smallclaims/forms.
- Fill out pages 2 and 3 of this form. Then make copies of all pages of this form. (Make 1 copy for each party named in this case and an extra copy for yourself.) Take or mail the original and these copies to the court clerk's office and pay the filing fee. The clerk will write the date of your trial in the box above.
- You must have someone at least 18—not you or anyone else listed in this case—give each Defendant a court-stamped copy of all 5 pages of this form and any pages this form tells you to attach. There are special rules for "serving," or delivering, this form to public entities, associations, and some businesses. See Forms SC-104, SC-104B, and SC-104C.
- Go to court on your trial date listed above. Bring witnesses, receipts, and any evidence you need to prove your case.

Clerk stamps date here when form is filed.

FILEDSuperior Court of California
County of Los Angeles**MAR 17 2014**Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk
By [Signature] Deputy
D. Dupree

Fill in court name and street address:

Superior Court of California, County of

Los Angeles Superior Court
Southwest District Inglewood
One Regent Street
Inglewood, CA 90301

Clerk fills in case number and case name:

Case Number:

Case Name: **14S01841**

Case Number

14S01841

Plaintiff (list names):

Carl S. Jackson

① The Plaintiff (the person, business, or public entity that is suing) is:

Name: Carl S. Jackson

Phone: (310) 868-8810

Street address: 17 Harbor Sight Dr. Rolling Hills Ests. CA 90274

Mailing address (if different):

If more than one Plaintiff, list next Plaintiff here:

Name: Phone: ()

Street address: Street City State Zip

Mailing address (if different): Street City State Zip

☐ Check here if more than 2 Plaintiffs and attach Form SC-100A.☐ Check here if either Plaintiff listed above is doing business under a fictitious name. If so, attach Form SC-103.

② The Defendant (the person, business, or public entity being sued) is:

Name: West Asset Management, Inc.

Phone: (888) 520-3766

Street address: 7171 Mercy Rd. Omaha NE 68106

Mailing address (if different): 2710 Gateway Oaks Dr Suite 150N Sacramento CA 95831

Agent for Service
CSC Lawyers Incorporating Service

If more than one Defendant, list next Defendant here:

Name: Phone: ()

Street address: Street City State Zip

Mailing address (if different): Street City State Zip

☐ Check here if more than 2 Defendants and attach Form SC-100A.☐ Check here if any Defendant is on active military duty, and write his or her name here: _____

③ The Plaintiff claims the Defendant owes \$ 2,500.00. (Explain below):

a. Why does the Defendant owe the Plaintiff money? Violation of Cal. Civ § 1785.19(a)(1)

b. When did this happen? (Date): 10/3/2013

If no specific date, give the time period: Date started: Through:

c. How did you calculate the money owed to you? (Do not include court costs or fees for service.)

Cal. Civ § 1785.19(a) statutory damages

☐ Check here if you need more space. Attach one sheet of paper or Form MC-031 and write "SC-100, Item 3" at the top.

Case Number
14S01841Plaintiff (list names): Carl S. Jackson

- ④ You must ask the Defendant (in person, in writing, or by phone) to pay you before you sue. Have you done this? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If no, explain why not: _____

- ⑤ Why are you filing your claim at this courthouse?

This courthouse covers the area (check the one that applies):

- a. ☒ (1) Where the Defendant lives or does business. (4) Where a contract (written or spoken) was made, signed, performed, or broken by the Defendant or where the Defendant lived or did business when the Defendant made the contract.
- (2) Where the Plaintiff's property was damaged.
- (3) Where the Plaintiff was injured.
- b. ☐ Where the buyer or lessee signed the contract, lives now, or lived when the contract was made, if this claim is about an offer or contract for personal, family, or household goods, services, or loans. (Code Civ. Proc., § 395(b).)
- c. ☐ Where the buyer signed the contract, lives now, or lived when the contract was made, if this claim is about a retail installment contract (like a credit card). (Civil Code, § 1812.10.)
- d. ☐ Where the buyer signed the contract, lives now, or lived when the contract was made, or where the vehicle is permanently garaged, if this claim is about a vehicle finance sale. (Civil Code, § 2984.4.)
- e. ☐ Other (specify): _____

- ⑥ List the zip code of the place checked in ⑤ above (if you know): 90274

- ⑦ Is your claim about an attorney-client fee dispute? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, and if you have had arbitration, fill out Form SC-101, attach it to this form, and check here: ☐

- ⑧ Are you suing a public entity? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, you must file a written claim with the entity first. ☐ A claim was filed on (date): _____

If the public entity denies your claim or does not answer within the time allowed by law, you can file this form.

- ⑨ Have you filed more than 12 other small claims within the last 12 months in California?

☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, the filing fee for this case will be higher.

- ⑩ I understand that by filing a claim in small claims court, I have no right to appeal this claim.

- ⑪ I have not filed, and understand that I cannot file, more than two small claims cases for more than \$2,500 in California during this calendar year.

I declare, under penalty of perjury under California State law, that the information above and on any attachments to this form is true and correct.

Date: 3-17-14 Carl S. Jackson
Plaintiff types or prints name here▶ Carl S. Jackson
Plaintiff signs hereDate: _____
Second Plaintiff types or prints name here▶ _____
Second Plaintiff signs here**Requests for Accommodations**

Assistive listening systems, computer-assisted, real-time captioning, or sign language interpreter services are available if you ask at least 5 days before the trial. Contact the clerk's office for Form MC-410, Request for Accommodations by Persons With Disabilities and Response. (Civil Code, § 54.8.)

SC-100**Information for the Defendant (the person being sued)**

"Small claims court" is a special court where claims for \$5,000 or less are decided. A "natural person" (not a business or public entity) may generally claim up to \$10,000, including a sole proprietor. (*See below for exceptions.) The process is quick and cheap. The rules are simple and informal.

You are the Defendant—the person being sued. The person who is suing you is the Plaintiff.

Do I need a lawyer?

You may talk to a lawyer before or after the case. But you *may not* have a lawyer represent you in court (unless this is an appeal from a small claims case).

How do I get ready for court?

You don't have to file any papers before your trial, unless you think this is the wrong court for your case. But bring to your trial any witnesses, receipts, and evidence that supports your case. And read "Be Prepared for Your Trial" at www.courts.ca.gov/smallclaims/prepare.

What if I need an accommodation?

If you have a disability or are hearing impaired, fill out Form MC-410, *Request for Accommodations*. Give the form to your court clerk or the ADA/Access Coordinator.

What if I don't speak English well?

Bring an adult who is not a witness to interpret for you, or ask the court clerk for an interpreter at least five days before your court date. A court-provided interpreter may not be available or there may be a fee for using a court interpreter unless you qualify for a fee waiver. You may ask the court for a list of interpreters and also the *Application for Waiver of Court Fees and Costs* (form FW-001).

Where can I get the court forms I need?

Go to any courthouse or your county law library, or print forms at: www.courts.ca.gov/smallclaims/forms.

What happens at the trial?

The judge will listen to both sides. The judge may make a decision at your trial or mail the decision to you later.

What if I lose the case?

If you lose, you can appeal. You'll have to pay a fee. (Plaintiffs cannot appeal their own claims.)

- If you were at the trial, file Form SC-140, *Notice of Appeal*. You must file within 30 days after the judge's decision.
- If you were *not* at the trial, fill out and file Form SC-135, *Notice of Motion to Vacate Judgment and Declaration*, to ask the judge to cancel the judgment (decision). If the judge does not give you a new trial, you have 10 days to appeal the decision. File Form SC-140.

For more information on appeals, see: www.courts.ca.gov/smallclaims/appeals.

*Exceptions: Different limits apply in an action against a defendant who is a guarantor. (See Code Civ. Proc. § 116.220(c).) In an action brought by a natural person for damages for bodily injuries resulting from an automobile accident, a \$7,500 limit applies if a defendant is covered by an automobile insurance policy that includes a duty to defend. (See Code Civ. Proc. § 116.221.)

Do I have options?

Yes. If you are being sued, you can:

- **Settle your case before the trial.** If you and the Plaintiff agree on how to settle the case, both of you must notify the court. Ask the Small Claims Advisor for help.
- **Prove this is the wrong court.** Send a letter to the court *before* your trial, explaining why you think this is the wrong court. Ask the court to dismiss the claim. You must serve (give) a copy of your letter (by mail or in person) to all parties. (Your letter to the court must say you have done this.)
- **Go to the trial and try to win your case.** Bring witnesses, receipts, and any evidence you need to prove your case. To make sure the witnesses go to the trial, fill out Form SC-107, and the clerk will subpoena (order) them to go.
- **Sue the person who is suing you.** File Form SC-120, *Defendant's Claim*. There are strict filing deadlines you must follow.
- **Agree with the Plaintiff's claim and pay the money.** Or, if you can't pay the money now, go to your trial and say you want to make payments.
- **Let the case "default."** If you don't settle and do not go to the trial (default), the judge may give the Plaintiff what he or she is asking for plus court costs. If this happens, the Plaintiff can legally take your money, wages, and property to pay the judgment.

What if I need more time?

You can change the trial date if:

- You cannot go to court on the scheduled date (you will have to pay a fee to postpone the trial) *or*
- You did not get served (receive this order to go to court) at least 15 days before the trial (or 20 days if you live outside the county) *or*
- You need more time to get an interpreter. One postponement is allowed, and you will not have to pay a fee to delay the trial.

Ask the Small Claims Clerk about the rules and fees for postponing a trial. Or fill out Form SC-150 (or write a letter) and mail it to the court *and* to all other people listed on your court papers before the deadline. Enclose a check for your court fees, unless a fee waiver was granted.

**Need help?**

Your county's Small Claims Advisor can help for free.

Or go to www.courts.ca.gov/smallclaims/advisor.

SC-100**Información para el demandado (la persona demandada)**

La "Corte de reclamos menores" es una corte especial donde se deciden casos por \$5,000 ó menos. Una "persona natural" (que no sea un negocio ni una entidad pública) puede reclamar hasta \$10,000. Una "persona natural" (que no sea un negocio ni una entidad pública), que incluye un dueño único, generalmente puede reclamar hasta \$10,000. (* Vea abajo para las excepciones.) El proceso es rápido y barato. Las reglas son sencillas e informales. Usted es el Demandado — la persona que se está demandando. La persona que lo está demandando es el Demandante.

¿Necesito un abogado?

Puede hablar con un abogado antes o después del caso. Pero no puede tener a un abogado que lo represente ante la corte (a menos que se trate de una apelación de un caso de reclamos menores).

¿Cómo me preparo para ir a la corte?

No tiene que presentar ningunos papeles antes del juicio, a menos que piense que ésta es la corte equivocada para su caso. Pero lleve al juicio cualquier testigos, recibos, y cualquier pruebas que apoyan su caso. Y lea "Esté preparado para su juicio" en:

www.courts.ca.gov/reclamosmenores/preparesse.

¿Qué hago si necesito una adaptación?

Si tiene una discapacidad o tiene impedimentos de adición, llene el formulario MC-410, *Request for Accommodations*. Entregue el formulario al secretario de la corte o al Coordinador de Acceso/ADA de su corte.

¿Qué pasa si no hablo inglés bien?

Traiga a un adulto que no sea testigo para que le sirva de intérprete. O pida al secretario de la corte que le asigne uno. Si quiere que la corte le asigne un intérprete, lo tiene que pedir como mínimo menos cinco días antes de la fecha en que tenga que ir a la corte. Es posible que no haya disponible un intérprete proporcionado por la corte o que tenga que pagar una cuota por emplear un intérprete de la corte, a menos que tenga una exención de cuotas. Puede pedir a la corte una lista de intérpretes y la Solicitud de exención de cuotas y costos de la corte (formulario FW-001).

¿Dónde puedo obtener los formularios de la corte que necesito?

Vaya a cualquier edificio de la corte, la biblioteca legal de su condado, o imprima los formularios en: www.courts.ca.gov/smallclaims/forms (página está en inglés).

¿Qué pasa en el juicio?

El juez escuchará a ambas partes. El juez puede tomar su decisión durante la audiencia o enviársela por correo después.

¿Qué pasa si pierdo el caso?

Si pierde, puede apelar. Tendrá que pagar una cuota. (El Demandante no puede apelar su propio reclamo.)

- Si estuvo presente en el juicio, llene el formulario SC-140, *Aviso de apelación*. Tiene que presentarlo dentro de 30 días después de la decisión del juez.
- Si no estuvo en el juicio, llene y presente el formulario SC-135, *Aviso de petición para anular el fallo y Declaración para pedirle al juez que anule el fallo* (decisión). Si la corte no le otorga un nuevo juicio, tiene 10 días para apelar la decisión. Presente el formulario SC-140.

Para obtener más información sobre las apelaciones, vea: www.courts.ca.gov/reclamosmenores/apelaciones.

¿Tengo otras opciones?

Sí. Si lo están demandando, puede:

- **Resolver su caso antes del juicio.** Si usted y el Demandante se ponen de acuerdo en resolver el caso, ambos tienen que notificar a la corte. Pídale al Asesor de Reclamos Menores que lo ayude.
- **Probar que es la corte equivocada.** Envíe una carta a la corte antes del juicio explicando por qué cree que es la corte equivocada. Pídale a la corte que despidan el reclamo. Tiene que entregar (dar) una copia de su carta (por correo o en persona) a todas las partes. (Su carta a la corte tiene que decir que hizo la entrega.)
- **Ir al juicio y tratar de ganar el caso.** Lleve testigos, recibos y cualquier prueba que necesite para probar su caso. Para asegurarse que los testigos vayan al juicio, llene el formulario SC-107, y el secretario emitirá una orden de comparecencia ordenándoles que se presenten.
- **Demandar a la persona que lo demandó.** Presente el formulario SC-120, *Reclamo del demandado*. Hay fechas límite estrictas que debe seguir.
- **Aceptar el reclamo del Demandante y pagar el dinero.** O, si no puede pagar en ese momento, vaya al juicio y diga que quiere hacer los pagos.
- **No ir al juicio y aceptar el fallo por falta de comparecencia.** Si no llega a un acuerdo con el Demandante y no va al juicio (fallo por falta de comparecencia), el juez le puede otorgar al Demandante lo que está reclamando más los costos de la corte. En ese caso, el Demandante legalmente puede tomar su dinero, su sueldo o sus bienes para cobrar el fallo.

¿Qué hago si necesito más tiempo?

Puede cambiar la fecha del juicio si:

- No puede ir a la corte en la fecha programada (tendrá que pagar una cuota para aplazar el juicio) o
- No le entregaron los documentos legalmente (no recibió la orden para ir a la corte) por lo menos 15 días antes del juicio (ó 20 días si vive fuera del condado) o
- Necesita más tiempo para conseguir intérprete. (Se permite un solo aplazamiento sin tener que pagar cuota para aplazar el juicio).

Pregúntele al secretario de reclamos menores sobre las reglas y las cuotas para aplazar un juicio. O llene el formulario SC-150 (o escriba una carta) y envíelo antes del plazo a la corte y a todas las otras personas que figuran en sus papeles de la corte. Adjunte un cheque para pagar los costos de la corte, a menos que le hayan dado una exención.



¿Necesita ayuda? El Asesor de Reclamos Menores de su condado le puede ayudar sin cargo.

O vea "Información por condado" en:

www.courts.ca.gov/reclamosmenores/asesores.

*Excepciones: Existen diferentes límites en un reclamo contra un garante. (Vea el Código de Procedimiento Civil, sección 116.220 (c).) En un caso presentado por una persona natural por daños debido a lesiones físicas en un accidente automovilístico, existe un límite de \$7,500 si el demandado tiene cobertura bajo una póliza de seguro de vehículo que incluya la obligación de defender. (Vea el Código de Procedimiento Civil, sección 116.221.)

1 CASE NAME: Carl S. Jackson v. West Asset Management, Inc.

2 CASE NO:

3 **PROOF OF SERVICE**

4 I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am a citizen of the United States, over the age of
5 18 years and not a party to the within action; my business address is 1545 Hotel Circle
6 South, Suite 150, San Diego, California 92108. On this date I served the following:

7 Notice of Removal of Action Under 28 U.S.C. §1441 (a)
8 [Federal Question]

9 (X) BY U.S. MAIL

10 I served a true and correct copy of the above-named documents by mail by placing
11 the same in a sealed envelope with postage fully prepaid, and depositing said envelope in
12 the U.S. mail at San Diego, California. Said envelope(s) was/were addressed as listed
13 hereafter:

14 () BY FACSIMILIE MACHINE

15 I caused to be transmitted by facsimile machine a true copy of the above-named
16 documents to the below listed. Attached hereto is the Confirmation Report confirming
17 the status of the transmission.

18 () BY PERSONAL SERVICE

19 I caused to be served by hand a true copy of the above named document as listed
20 hereafter.

21 Carl S. Jackson
22 17 Harbor Sight Dr.
23 Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274

24 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the
25 foregoing is true and correct.

26 Dated: March 25, 2014

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28 Ann M. Coito